

Board of Health Meeting  
June 21, 2019  
Minutes

Present: M. McDowell, Chair  
M. Rising, M. Evdokimoff, members  
J. Garreffi, Agent

Attendance list attached

The Board of Health meeting was called to order at 5:00 PM in the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor conference room in the Town Building.

M. Evdokimoff made a motion that the Town of Stow continues the Regional Services Agreement for Animal Control Services with Boxborough for FY20 and to forward the contract to the Selectmen for signatures. M. Rising seconded the motion, all members in favor.

#### Appointment

5:15 Honey Pot Hill Orchard- Chelcie Martin -continued discussion on proposed expansion of Labor Quarters.

Chelcie Martin reviewed the water use reports for the public water supply for 2016-2018 and said that 2016-2018 were regular years for use, 2017 was busiest year they have had. 2018 was very high and they had plumbing issues and feel that contributed to the high readings.

Currently have two apartments, proposing 3 additional apartments, two bathrooms.

J. Garreffi explained that they are proposing to expand the flows with a non-compliant system. He would feel more comfortable to move to a more compliant system by performing soil testing and designing a plan for a reserve area. Some soil testing was done prior for a bathroom facility. J. Garreffi is asking for the Board to require a reserve area to approve construction for the expansion.

M. Rising asked if the rooms would be occupied all year or seasonal. C. Martin stated they are trying to provide more housing for local employees and it may be possible they would be occupied year-round.

M. Evdokimoff reinforced J. Garreffi's recommendations that they would like to see plans developed for a future expansion area if there is a problem. C. Martin stated she felt that was fair. J. Garreffi would like water meter readings provided to the Board of Health during the busy times to establish the peaks.

J. Garreffi would like daily reports for September and October submitted. C. Martin agreed to submit.

C. Martin expressed the need to get the project finished before their busy season starts. J. Garreffi asked if they could provide the plan for the septic expansion before the end of the December 2019.

M. Rising made a motion that the Board approve the requested expansion of flow with the following conditions, recommendations:

1. No further expansion of use to the system
2. The owner must provide a design for a reserve area that is in compliance with Title 5 provided the system fails.
3. The plan shall be provided to the Board of Health by December 31, 2019.
4. the owner shall take daily water meter readings in the months of September and October to get a better idea of water use during peak times.
5. The results shall be taken annually and reported to the Board of Health.

M. McDowell seconded the motion, all members in favor.

J. Garreffi will draft a letter with these conditions.

## Appointment

66 Pine Pt. – Title 5 further Evaluation by Approving Authority

R. Murphy and C. Gahagan property owners had Title 5 performed for future sale of the property.

Title 5 Inspection report came to the Board of Health office with a high nitrate level of 17. Need s further approval by the Board of Health if over 5 pm.

Septic is upgradient from the well, all residences are very close. J. Garrefffi would like to look into the files and abutter information further. Two main approaches in this situation; replace well or replace septic system or treat well and replace septic system. If system is in water table it could be a problem or how shallow the well is or type of well.

M. McDowell asked if this could be continued to the July meeting after research into the abutting property files. J. Garrefffi agreed.

No further discussion items – meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM

Next Board of Health meeting July 11, 2019

Submitted by C. Colosi, Office Admin